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MEMORANDUM

To: Montgomery College Colleagues

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Welcome Back!

I invite you to join me at the Fall Opening Meeting next Monday, August 27, at the Cultural Arts Center on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. The morning will start with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by the formal meeting at 9 a.m. The agenda, discipline and unit meeting schedule, lunch information, and more are posted online.

As we gather to celebrate the start of a new academic year, it also is time to look toward our future through the lens of *Montgomery College 2020*, the first-ever board-approved strategic plan. The plan that sets bold expectations for what our College will look like in eight years and what tangible steps we must take to get there.

A collaborative team of faculty, staff, and administrators worked for months on the plan. For each member of the steering committee and for everyone who participated in or supported the development of the plan, my deepest thanks for a job well done. This plan would not have been possible without your ideas, your passion, and your dedication. Thank you!

Montgomery College 2020 centers on five themes that will drive our planning—(1) educational excellence; (2) access, affordability, and success; (3) economic development; (4) community engagement, and (5) assessment and institutional effectiveness. It also supports the use of measurements—called a performance canvas—to mark incremental achievements toward our student enrollment, engagement, and completion goals, as well as goals related to workforce development and community involvement.

I encourage you to take some time to read *Montgomery College 2020* as a PDF on my home page. It is our guidepost, and I believe every faculty and staff member must keep it in mind when planning for what is yet to come.

In conclusion, please be aware that College business and student services will be suspended on Monday to allow you the time to attend the Fall Opening Meeting. Retail operations, such as the bookstores, will continue to provide service. I highly encourage you to attend the meeting, but if you cannot attend in person, please report to your work location as usual and watch our live webcast of the meeting. Simply sign up with your e-mail address to watch.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday. Welcome back!